

Dig Deeper @Home – Word on the Street

Complement to lesson on 06/26/2022 – “Following Jesus where you Live”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What’s your ideal neighborhood?
2. What would you love to have at your house?

MEMORIZE – Acts 17: 6-7

... “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

READ – Acts 4: 32-37

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
 - a. What sticks out to you?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
 - c. Identify 10 questions from the verses you read
 - d. What is the passage revealing about God? About people? In light of these, what needs to change in your life?
2. Does it seem possible to live out these verses today?
 - a. What would it look like to do this?
 - b. What obstacles stand in the way?
 - c. Which verse would be most difficult to live out?
3. Joseph was given the name Barnabas meaning “son of encouragement.” That’s quite the word on the street! What nickname would you be given?
 - a. What nickname would you like to have?
 - i. What would you need to do differently to live as if you already had this nickname?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – “Mission: Neighborhood”

This is a time to brainstorm ways to connect with your neighbors. What kind of neighborhood engagement would be most appreciated by your neighbors? Don't know how to answer that? Perhaps step one is just getting to know your neighbors better. How can you do that? Ask the Holy Spirit for help and for creative ideas. Brainstorm with those you live with ... spouse, children, parents, room mate, dorm mate. The goal is to engage our neighbors, create connections with our neighbors and reflect Jesus to our neighbors. Be sure to come up with action steps and dates in your brainstorming.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Behold our God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58>

His Mercy is More - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5EUvOnQr4Y>

Give Me One Pure and Holy Passion - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMWVPmEjUpo>

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart – (Mennonite Hymnal #217)

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

Holy Spirit, show us ways we can connect with our neighbors this week and as we do, help us to reflect Jesus.